

Chairperson: Robert Sheesley
Vice Chairperson:
Executive Secretary: Maura Rossman, M.D.
Recorded By: Antigone Vickery/Gloria Whittington

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

May Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 24, 2016
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Robert Sheesley, Darryl Burnett, Carlessia Hussein, Sheri Lewis, Paul Nagy, Gary Stewart,

Members Excused: Kevin Carlson, Deborah Rivkin, Sue Song

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Aide

Guest: N/A

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up	
Welcome and Introductions	Robert Sheesley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.		
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept April's minutes.	The motion to accept the April 26th minutes was approved unanimously after a few corrections noted and made.	
Health Officer's Report	Zika Prevention kit presented to Board Members. The mosquito-borne Zika virus has not been transmitted locally. Zika virus is acquired from out of the country travel. The mosquitoes are small container breeders. Health Officials are keeping a close watch. LHIC meeting on May 26 – Dr. Howard Haft, Deputy Health Secretary, to speak on Zika. Primary prevention is by getting rid of small water containers and clean up yards, trash.	Carlessia Hussein suggested Zika information be translated in most languages to inform all citizens. County has a lot of out of the Country travelers. We should get Language Link. For more information visit HCHD websites www.hchealth.org	
Old Business	Behavioral Health bureau transition is still ongoing. Staff will be reassigned within Behavioral Health. We are meeting with community providers hoping they will open offices in Howard County. Donna Wells is still retiring at the end of June. The MHA Board did interview three candidates - no word on results.	Over the next year we will continue to integrate, Behavioral (SUD) Health and Mental Health.	

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New Business	<p>Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair will be discussed at June's board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to discuss the process of electing members - Need to put in place how the Board wants to do business - Need to recruit someone for Chair – remember an Environmental Health Specialist is needed as a member on the board - Need to recruit for Deputy Chair also - Discuss Board's priorities – Look at Dept.'s Strategic Plan - Take a look at actions the Board can and can't do. <p>Date of next Board of Health will NOT be on June 28, 2016</p> <p>Transition of Healthy Howard Programs:</p> <p>Community Care Team program will transition from its current model June 30th and move to Howard County General Hospital effective July 1st.</p> <p>Local Health Improvement Coalition and Maryland Healthiest Businesses will be transitioned to the Health Department. Hopefully HH staff will be interested in applying for State employment positions at HCHD. This program will be within the new Bureau of Health Promotion.</p> <p>Medical Assistance program and the Administrative Care and Coordination program, have been transitioning 100% of program functions and staff to State employment. A new Program Administrator has been hired to direct these programs.</p> <p>Healthy Howard plans to continue being a partner with us, residing in this building as the connector entity serving HC and our neighboring jurisdictions.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Board Members would like to review the By-Laws of Board of Health.</p> <p>An email will be sent out to Board members to decide on either Monday, June 20, or Thursday, June 22, 2016 for next meeting.</p> <p>Program Administrator to start in May '16.</p>	
Chairperson's Report	N/A		
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.</i>		

Next Board of Health Meeting:

Date: Monday, June 20, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Place: Howard Co. Health Department
8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor**

